

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and the following remarks are responsive to the September 7, 2004 Office Action. Claims 1-51 and 53-64 remain as originally filed and Claim 52 is amended. Thus, Claims 1-64 are presented for further consideration. Please enter the amendments and reconsider the claims in view of the following remarks.

Comments on Allowability of Claims 1-64

In the September 7, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner states that Claims 1-51 and 53-64 are allowed and that Claim 52 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the allowability of these claims. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider Claim 52 in view of the amendment described herein.

Response to Rejection of Claim 52 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

In the September 7, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claim 52 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

As described herein, Applicant has amended Claim 52 by replacing the phrase "the programmable data packet filter" in line 3 with the phrase --a programmable data packet filter--. Applicant submits that amended Claim 52 is in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of Claim 52 and to pass Claim 52 to allowance.

Summary

For the reasons stated above, Applicant submits that Claims 1-64 are in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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